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New Social Security Legislation a "Real Winner for Women"

National Seniors Organization Praises Chairman Clay Shaw's Initiative

Washington, DC – **United Seniors Association Chairman and Chief Executive Charles W. Jarvis** wholeheartedly endorsed the Social Security Benefit Enhancements for Women Act, H.R. 4069, recently introduced by Congressman Clay Shaw, the chairman of the House Ways & Means Social Security Subcommittee.

"This bill is a real winner for Senior women. It shows Chairman Clay Shaw's dynamic leadership in the House on Senior issues," said Mr. Jarvis. "It will lift unnecessary burdens that women suffer under during their retirement years. It will also help women nationwide without negatively affecting the Social Security Trust Fund and the future financial stability of the Social Security system."

United Seniors Association member Anna Janis of Colorado testified February 28th before Chairman Shaw's Subcommittee hearing on "Women and Social Security". Chairman Shaw's legislation is the direct result of those successful hearings. H.R. 4069 improves fairness and eligibility requirements for women by:

- Increasing the unfair benefit limit on widows whose spouses both retire and die before the full retirement age
- Updating the eligibility requirements for disabled widows to ensure consistency with earnings requirements in current law
- Eliminating a needless two-year wait for some divorced spouses to receive benefits

"We're pleased that United Seniors Association and our Grassroots Leader, Anna Janis, could help in the development of these improvements to Social Security," continued Mr. Jarvis. "Chairman Shaw has demonstrated his dedication to getting practical help for seniors in his District and around the Nation. H.R. 4069 is clearly a *real winner* for many senior women who struggle every day now just to make ends meet."

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United Seniors Association (USA) is the 1.5 million-plus nationwide grassroots network *Uniting the Generations for America's Future™*. We work to expand retirement and investment freedom, economic freedom, and health freedom for Senior Americans, their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Our Honorary Chairman is the renowned Art Linkletter.

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